WHEREAS, The auction way of selling is one of the oldest methods of bartering known to man, dating back in history to before 1000 B.C., and today throughout the United States and all free countries of the world the auction method of selling real or personal property is growing rapidly; and,

WHEREAS, More than 60% of all meat animals in the United States are marketed via the auction method, and many other food products, including fruits and vegetables, eggs and produce, fish and other commodities are also marketed in this way; and,

WHEREAS, Valuable works of art, rare coins and antiques of all kinds are nearly always sold at auction where their true value can be affectively determined; and,

WHEREAS, Liquidation sales of all types, including businesses, farm dispersals and estate sales, are very popular. No sale today should be considered too large or too small for the auction method of selling; and,

WHEREAS, Leading auctioneers in South Dakota and the nation are continually striving to render better services to their clients through mutual exchanges of ideas and experiences, and they conduct their business according to the code of ethics set out by the National Auctioneers Association:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of April 2-7, 1973, as

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in South Dakota, and urge our citizens to appreciate and honor the services that auctioneers provide for our economy and people.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 20th day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, Ninetgeen Hundred and

Seventy/three.

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE